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Re: Great Lakes Asphalt and Madgel McAllister

Dear Mr. McKinley and Ms. Gade:

Today by telephone I briefed Mr. McKinley on Mrs. McAllister's efforts to respond to Ms. Gade's letter of May 16, 1989, regarding the alleged release at Great Lakes Asphalt in Union Township, Boone County, Indiana. Mrs. McAllister did not receive a copy of the letter faxed to me around noon on May 16 until the evening. Nevertheless, McAllister had contacts with approximately six companies related to potential clean-up and/or remediation. These contacts commenced by mid-day on Saturday, May 13, and continued into the evening on Tuesday, May 16. My understanding is that contacts and discussions were made with Brad Crowe of Reclaimed Energy, Terry Brosures of W.E. Company, Chuck Spears of Heritage Environmental, Johnny Baker of Petrochem Services, Dale Denney with Dennis Star, and an unknown person at Reclaimed Energy. Evidently a few of these companies sent representatives to the area to review the situation and some have

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spoken with Robert Moran of the Indiana DEM's Emergency Response Branch. However, to date only Johnny Baker has responded with a plan of work and estimated costs, and this was only verbal with ballpark estimations of both work and costs. Furthermore, the cost estimates by Mr. Baker were extremely large and well outside any economic ability of Great Lakes.

Our understanding is that a contractor retained by U.S. EPA commenced work on or near the Great Lakes property on Wednesday, May 17. In that event, I would request that EPA transmit to me at its earliest possible time copies of all documents related to this contractor's work such as a scope of work plan, a request for proposals, bid proposals, and/or cost estimates by EPA and/or the contractor. Upon receipt of these, I will attempt to immediately review and discuss them with Great Lakes and Mrs. McAllister. By undertaking a search for contractors or the review of this requested documentary information, neither Great Lakes Asphalt nor Madgel McAllister are admitting to or accepting any liability.

Very truly yours,

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